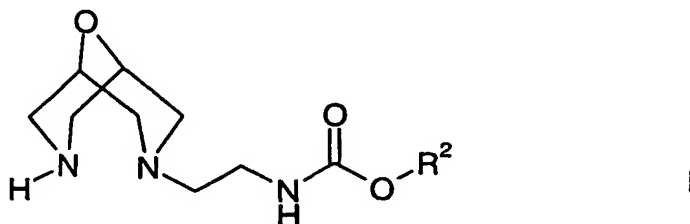


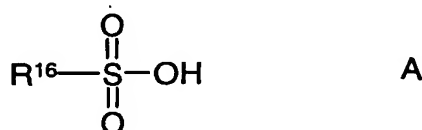
Claims

1. An acid addition salt of a compound of Formula I



wherein R² represents C₁₋₆ alkyl (optionally substituted and/or terminated by one or more substituents selected from -OH, halo, cyano, nitro and aryl) or aryl, wherein each aryl and aryloxy group, unless otherwise specified, is optionally substituted.

2. A salt according to claim 1 in which the acid component of the acid addition salt is represented by formula A



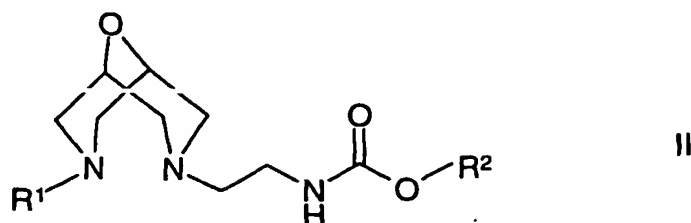
wherein R¹⁶ represents unsubstituted C₁₋₄ alkyl, C₁₋₄ perfluoroalkyl or phenyl, which latter group is optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from C₁₋₆ alkyl, halo, nitro and C₁₋₆ alkoxy, and R² is as defined above.

3. A salt according to claim 2 wherein the salt is a toluenesulfonate, benzenesulfonate, nosylate, brosylate, besylate or mesitylate salt.

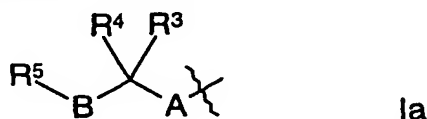
4. A salt according to any previous claim in which the salt is in solid form.

5. A salt according to any previous claim which is [2-(9-oxa-3,7-diazabicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid *tert*-butyl ester 2,4,6-trimethylbenzenesulfonic acid.

6. A process for the preparation of a compound of Formula II



wherein R¹ represents a structural fragment of formula Ia



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in which A represents CH₂ and R³ represents -OH or -N(H)R⁷;

R⁴ represents H, C₁₋₆ alkyl or, together with R³, represents =O;

R⁵ represents phenyl or pyridyl, both of which groups are optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from -OH, cyano, halo, nitro, C₁₋₆ alkyl (optionally terminated

10 by -N(H)C(O)OR^{13a}), C₁₋₆ alkoxy,

-N(R^{14a})R^{14b}, -C(O)R^{14c}, -C(O)OR^{14d}, -C(O)N(R^{14e})R^{14f}, -N(R^{14g})C(O)R^{14h},

-N(R¹⁴ⁱ)C(O)N(R^{14j})R^{14k}, -N(R^{14m})S(O)₂R^{13b}, -S(O)₂R^{13c} and/or

-OS(O)₂R^{13d};

R⁷ represents H, C₁₋₆ alkyl, -E-aryl, -E-Het¹, -C(O)R^{9a}, -C(O)OR^{9b},

15 -S(O)₂R^{9c}, -[C(O)]_pN(R^{10a})R^{10b} or -C(NH)NH₂;

R^{9a} to R^{9d} independently represent, at each occurrence when used herein,

C₁₋₆ alkyl (optionally substituted and/or terminated by one or more substituents selected from halo, aryl and Het²), aryl, Het³, or R^{9a} and R^{9d} independently represent H;

R^{10a} and R^{10b} independently represent, at each occurrence when used herein, H or C₁₋₆ alkyl

20 (optionally substituted and/or terminated by one or more substituents selected from halo, aryl and Het⁴), aryl, Het⁵, or together represent C₃₋₆ alkylene, optionally interrupted by an O atom;

E represents, at each occurrence when used herein, a direct bond or

C₁₋₄ alkylene;

25 B represents -Z-, -Z-N(R¹²)-, -N(R¹²)-Z-, -Z-S(O)_n- or -Z-O- (in which latter two groups, Z is attached to the carbon atom bearing R³ and R⁴);

Z represents a direct bond or C₁₋₄ alkylene;

R¹¹ and R¹² independently represent H or C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R^{13a} to R^{13d} independently represent C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R^{14a} and R^{14b} independently represent H, C₁₋₆ alkyl or together represent C₃₋₆ alkylene,

5 resulting in a four- to seven-membered nitrogen-containing ring;

R^{14c} to R^{14m} independently represent H or C₁₋₆ alkyl; and

n represents 0, 1 or 2;

p represents 1 or 2;

Het¹ to Het⁵ independently represent, at each occurrence when used herein, five- to twelve-

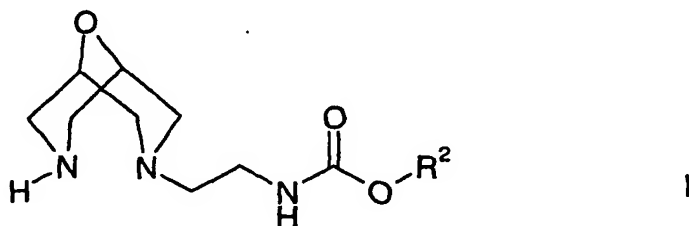
10 membered heterocyclic groups containing one or more heteroatoms selected from oxygen, nitrogen and/or sulfur, which heterocyclic groups are optionally substituted by one or more substituents selected from =O, -OH, cyano, halo, nitro, C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkoxy, aryl, aryloxy, -N(R^{15a})R^{15b}, -C(O)R^{15c}, -C(O)OR^{15d}, -C(O)N(R^{15e})R^{15f}, -N(R^{15g})C(O)R^{15h} and -N(R¹⁵ⁱ)S(O)₂R^{15j};

15 R^{15a} to R^{15j} independently represent C₁₋₆ alkyl, aryl or R^{15a} to R¹⁵ⁱ independently represent H;

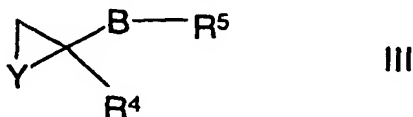
and R² represents C₁₋₆ alkyl (optionally substituted and/or terminated by one or more substituents selected from -OH, halo, cyano, nitro and aryl) or aryl, wherein each aryl and aryloxy group, unless otherwise specified, is optionally substituted.

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wherein a salt of a compound of Formula I



in which R² is as previously defined is reacted with a compound of Formula III



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wherein Y represents O or N(R⁷) and R⁴, R⁵, R⁷ and B are as hereinbefore defined, at a temperature in the range of 0°C to 100°C for example at elevated temperature (e.g. 60°C to reflux) in the presence of a water and in the presence of a base.

5 7. A process according to claim 6 in which the salt has been previously isolated in solid form.

8. A process according to either claim 6 or claim 7 for the preparation of *tert*-butyl 2-{7-[(2*S*)-3-(4-cyanophenoxy)-2-hydroxypropyl]-9-oxa-3,7-diaza-bicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-yl}ethylcarbamate which comprises reacting a salt of [2-(9-oxa-3,7-diazabicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid *tert*-butyl ester with 4-[(2*S*)-oxiranylmethoxy]benzonitrile at a temperature in the range of 0°C to 100°C in the presence of water and in the presence of a base.

15 9. A process according to any one of claims 6, 7 or 8 in which an isolated salt of [2-(9-oxa-3,7-diazabicyclo[3.3.1]non-3-yl)-ethyl]-carbamic acid *tert*-butyl ester is used.

10. A process according to either claim 9 wherein the salt is the 2,4,6-trimethylbenzenesulfonic acid salt.